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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

July 8, 2022

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: OPSB Case No. 22-452-EL-BLN / Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Beckjord Substation
Expansion and Transmission Lines Project
Proof of Publication

Dear Ms. Troupe:

The Affidavit of Publications and proof of publication, relating to the above-referenced case, are attached for filing today.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emily A. Olive, CP

Emily A. Olive
Certified Paralegal

Affidavit Proof of Publication

I, Walt Dozier, do hereby attest that the Dule Energy Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Clermont Sun

June 9, 2022

Walt Dozier 6/9/22
Walt Dozier Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 9 day of June 2022 before me, Chana L Powell, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walt Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Chana L Powell
Notary Public



CHANA L. POWELL
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
November 25, 2025

Bethel-Tate High School names Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Pictured, from left, are Bethel-Tate High School Valedictorian, Aiden Harrison, and Saultutorian, Alexa Donahue. Photos courtesy Bethel-Tate High School. Submitted by Bethel-Tate High School.

Disabled Veterans get New VA Life Insurance Program



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Starting January 1, 2023, Public Law 116-315 has authorized the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to start a new life insurance program exclusively for disabled veterans – Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife).

VALife is a Guaranteed Acceptance whole life insurance program for service-connected disabled veterans age 80 years or younger. However, some veterans age 81 and younger may also be classified as eligible.

Prior to the enactment of Public Law 116-315, disabled veterans had the option of purchasing Service – Disabled Veterans Life Insurance (S-DVI). The S-DVI Program will close to new enrollment after December 31, 2022.

Disabled veterans can keep their S-DVI Policy until after the full coverage of VALife begins two (2) years after enrollment, as long as their application is received between January 1, 2023

and December 31, 2025.

The main difference between the VALife Program and the S-DVI Program is that VALife has no medical examination required and there is no two (2) year time limit to apply if a disabled veteran is age 80 or younger.

The VALife Program meets the needs of service-connected disabled veterans, who previously did not qualify for the S-DVI Program. The VALife Program offers guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance coverage that lasts for a disabled veteran's entire life.

The VA has listed several other advantages of the VALife Program. They have fully automated online enrollment with instant approvals and all disabled veterans with a 0% to 100% VA-certified disability rating and age 80 or younger are eligible.

If a disabled veteran is age 81 or older, they also may qualify for VALife within two years of receiving a new service-connected disability rating or if they applied for VA disability compensation before age 81.

Coverage of VALife comes in increments of



\$10,000, up to a maximum of \$40,000. According to the VA, premiums will be competitive, or even better, than premiums in the private sector. The website for the VALife Program has a Premium Table with costs and amount of coverage ranging from 18 years old to 95 years old.

There will be a two-year waiting period for full face value coverage to take effect. The two-year waiting period replaces the need for medical underwriting. If the insured disabled veteran passes away during the two-year period, the beneficiary will receive all premiums paid with interest.

A significant benefit for the VALife Program is that premiums will never increase and the cash value of the policy builds over the life of the policy after the first two years.

For more information on the VALife Program for disabled veterans, please visit their website

at: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp>.

For more information on applying for S-DVI before VALife opens, please visit the S-DVI webpage at: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility-s-dvi/>.

My Opinion: Disabled veterans that were not eligible for the Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance (S-DVI) now have an option to obtain VA guaranteed insurance. The selection of life insurance is an individual veteran's decision. I refrain from making any endorsement of this service.

After the disabled veterans review the applicable VA-sponsored websites, they can make the determination that best suits them. The overall purpose of this article is to inform them that the VALife Program is available to them as a benefit that they have earned by their military service.

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I've launched a website where Ohioans can share their personal stories about how VA's proposed changes would affect them and their families.

I will use the stories and feedback from these roundtables, the website, and all of the events we're

doing with the community, to raise questions directly to the VA during any hearings in the Senate.

Nothing is more important than honoring our promise to veterans, and we cannot leave Ohio's veterans behind. We will not stop fighting to save the Chillicothe VA.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY

Duke Energy Ohio proposes to expand the Beckjord substation on Duke Energy Ohio property or existing easements, and includes expanding the existing substation perimeter fencing to accommodate new and reconfigured equipment inside the substation for more efficient and reliable operations. The substation expansion will consist of an area approximately 34,600 square feet (sq. ft.) or a 20.4% increase in size. The existing chain link perimeter fence of the substation will be expanded to the southeast, within Duke Energy Ohio's property and easements. Two new above-ground steel monopoles will be installed on 138 kV circuits to raise the transmission line to allow relocation of a 69 kV line, outside of the substation. The 138-kV transmission line will be transferred to the new structures, but no new conductor will be installed.

Duke Energy Ohio has filed a Letter of Notification with the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board), under Case No. 22-452-EL-BLN. This number should be included in all communications with respect to the Project. The Letter of Notification to construct, operate, and maintain this facility is now pending before the Board. Comments and/or petitions to intervene will be accepted by the Board up to 10 days following the publication date of this notice, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rules 4906-2-12 and 4906-6-08. Petitions or comments should be addressed to Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, and must reference Case No. 22-452-EL-BLN.

A map of the project area is included below. Construction will begin on September 14, 2022, pending approval of this Letter of Notification.

The following public officials, agencies, and library have been served with a link to the Application, as required by Board regulations:

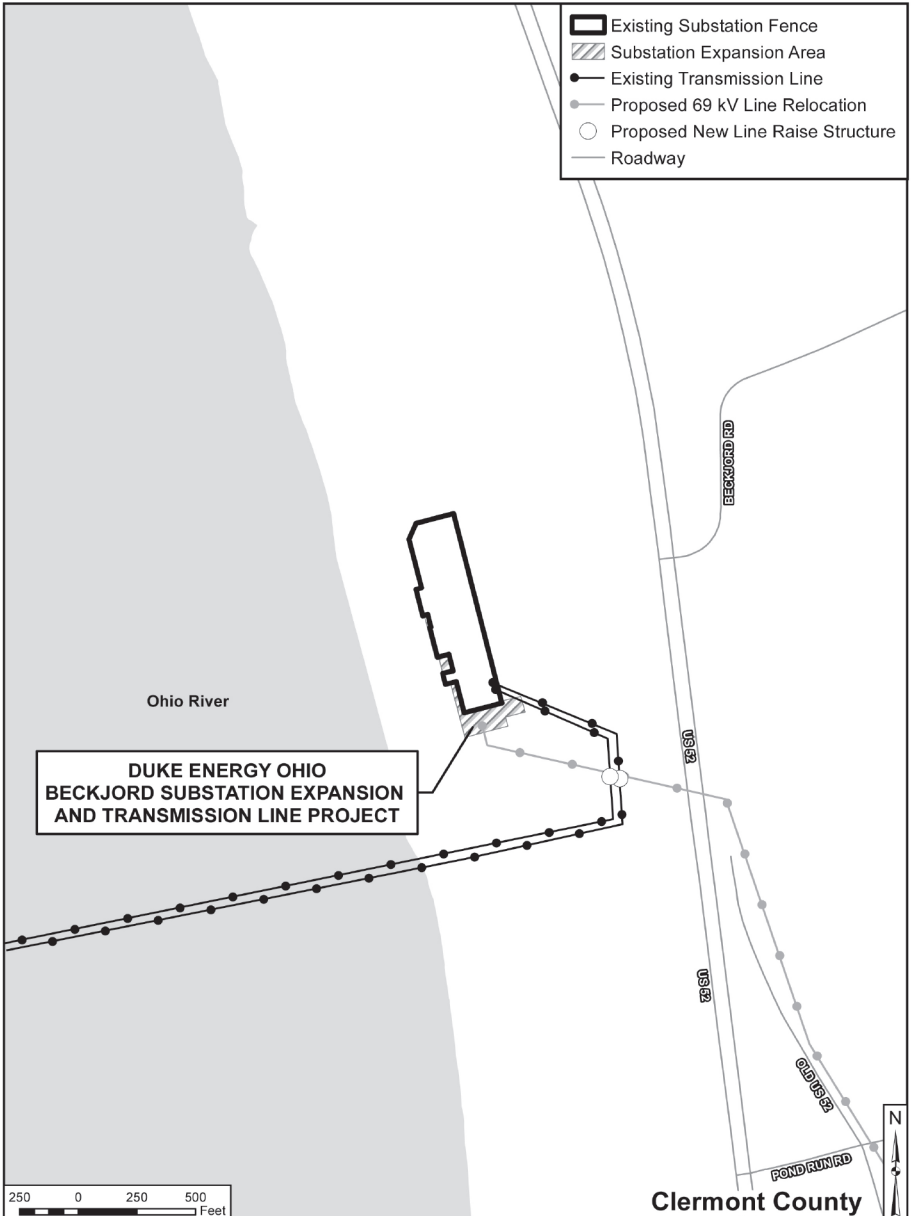
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Glenn Ewing, Mayor
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Clermont County Public Library – New Richmond Branch
Amy Buskey, Branch Manager
103 River Valley Blvd
New Richmond, Ohio 45157

A copy of the application has been placed at the main office of Duke Energy Ohio at 139 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 and at the offices of the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is also available on the Duke Energy Ohio website, at: <http://www.duke-energy.com/beckjord>, and on the Ohio Power Siting Board's website, at: www.opsb.ohio.gov.



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Kingery, Jeanne W. and Akhbari, Elyse Hanson and Vaysman, Larisa